

REMARKS

This is in response to the office action dated June 14, 2006.

Claims 4-6 have been amended.

Claim 3 has been canceled.

The allowance of claims 8 – 24 is noted with appreciation.

The examiner has objected to claims 3 – 7 as being dependent upon a rejected claim, indicating that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate all of the subject matter of claim 3, which formerly depended therefrom, and claim 3 has been canceled. It is therefore believed that claim 1 now should be allowed, as well as claims 2 and amended claims 4 – 7, which depend therefrom.

In view of the amendment and remarks, this case is submitted as being in a condition for immediate allowance. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that a timely notice of allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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